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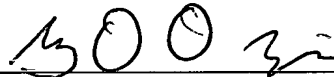
After entry of this Amendment, claims 19-37 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 have been canceled. Claims 19-37 have been added. Consideration of the application as amended during initial examination is requested. Applicant hereby submits that the last page of the certified translation of the application is the Abstract of the application.

It is submitted that the amendments have antecedent basis in the application as filed and that the amendments do not add new matter to the application. If the Examiner believes that prosecution of the application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment regarding this Preliminary Amendment.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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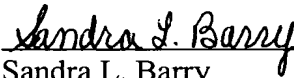


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I hereby certify that this **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Label No. EL997489116US, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on **December 4, 2003**.

  
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